

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**

LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

#671

WORDS ATTR. TO JOHN FAWCETT
MUSIC FROM *THE EUROPEAN MAGAZINE AND REVIEW*
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1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

POSTLUDE

LORD OF THE DANCE

SYDNEY CARTER

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 3rd

10:00 AM Epiphany Sunday Worship
Service with Communion in the
Sanctuary & Online

Monday, January 4th

6:30 PM Cub Scouts in the Gym
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 10 meet on 3rd
Floor of Education Building

Tuesday, January 5th

9:30 AM MCLC Chapel
5:30 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Classrooms & the Gym
7:00 PM Cub/Boy Scouts Troop 911 in
the Youth Building

Wednesday, January 6th

8:00 AM Facebook Live Devotional with
Communion
5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the
Sanctuary
6:00 PM Children & Youth Meet in LLL
Room & Conference Room
6:00 PM Cub/Boy Scouts Troop 911 in
the Youth Building

Thursday, January 7th

5:30 PM Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts in
the Youth Building

Saturday, January 9th

8:00 AM Girl Scout Cookie Rally in the
Gym & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 10th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service in the
Sanctuary & Online

Marty Smith
Dana Morrow
Nolan Stringfellow
(M. Bailey)

Jimmy Hooks
Keith Woodard
(M. Allen)

Patricia Launey
(M. Launey)
Larry Jones
The Redlich Family
(M. Brister)

Anna Wiggins
Mary Ann Greer
(S. Chavez)

Johnny Cunningham
(G. Bailey)

John Nelson
Erik Wiley
(S. Jones)

Gervis Bailey
(K. Bailey)
John Raimor
(L. Waughtal)

Brenda Cantrell
(S. Slover)

Judy Barbay
(L. Schults)

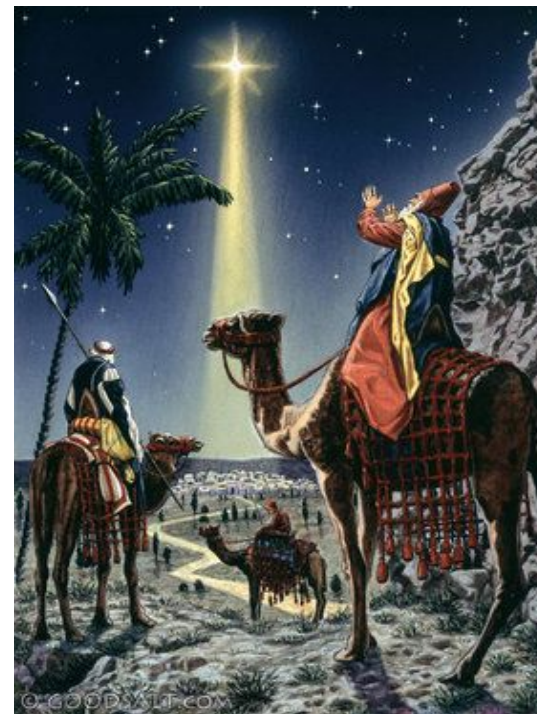
Hannah Woodard
(J. Schwarze)
Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)

Kayetha Wilson
Neely Biggs
(M. & P. Launey)

Hurricane Delta & Laura Recovery Efforts
All Emergency Personnel

The Military
City of DeRidder
State of Louisiana
The United States of America

Our World
Our Enemies
Our Church
Those Who Have Hurt Us



**“Be Careful Who You Ask
Directions From!”**

Matthew 2:1-12

January 3, 2021
Epiphany & Communion Sunday
Worship Online & in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
MARTHA MIER

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS
BRIAN WREN & CARLTON R. YOUNG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have seen Jesus' star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.
He is like showers that water the earth, like rain that falls on the mown grass.
When a child is born, light shines. When Jesus is born, hope dawns and love arrives.
Newborn Jesus, shine upon us. From your cradle and your cross give us love and life!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
THE FIRST NOEL
#245

WORDS & MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL
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1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]
3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SUNG RESPONSE
SEEK YE FIRST
#405

WORDS & MUSIC FROM KAREN LAFFERTY
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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

HYMN OF FAITH
WE THREE KINGS
#254

WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN H. HOPKINS
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1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. [Refrain]
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]
5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING
MATTHEW 2:1-12

SERMON
"BE CAREFUL WHO YOU ASK DIRECTIONS FROM!"

ANTHEM
BABY, WHAT YOU GOIN' TO BE
NATALIE SLEETH

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
ONLY TRUST HIM
#337, v. 1 & 4

WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN H. STOCKTON
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1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord; and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.
Refrain: Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
4. Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go, to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow. [Refrain]